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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Hon. Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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**Re:     *United States v. Jason Galanis, et al.*, S1 16 Cr. 371 (RA)**

Dear Judge Abrams:

I represent Devon Archer, one of the defendants in the above-referenced case. I write to respectfully request the Court's permission for Mr. Archer to take a business trip to Italy. Your Honor has twelve times previously granted Mr. Archer permission to travel internationally on business, which he has done without incident on each occasion, including to Italy, England, Spain, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Vietnam, China, Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines. As before, the Court's Pretrial Services Office consents to this request, but the Government objects.

The proposed trip would be from August 1-6 to northern Italy for meetings in connection with one of the businesses with which Mr. Archer is associated. As usual, Mr. Archer has provided an itinerary to his Pretrial Services Officer, who as noted consents to this request. A copy of Mr. Archer's proposed flight and lodging information is attached as Exhibit A, which we respectfully request to be filed under seal.

On twelve prior occasions, the Court has permitted Mr. Archer to travel internationally for business. On each occasion, Mr. Archer returned on time and without incident. In addition, Mr. Archer has reported to Pretrial Services daily while away, and has executed and provided to the United States Attorney's Office an open-ended waiver of extradition, in the form requested by the Government, which covers not only his business trips but the entire duration of proceedings in this case. Specifically:

- On June 13, 2016, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to Italy.
- On July 26, 2016, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer and his wife, Dr. Archer, to travel on business to Latvia.
- On September 9, 2016, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to China.

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- On October 17, 2016, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to England and Lithuania. On October 21, 2016, Your Honor further granted permission for Mr. Archer to modify his itinerary to include business travel to Russia.
- On November 28, 2016, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to England and Spain.
- On January 4, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to Vietnam and China. On January 17, 2017, Your Honor further granted permission for Mr. Archer to modify his itinerary to include travel to the United Kingdom.
- On February 16, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to Singapore, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Although Mr. Archer's wife did not travel with him, she was permitted to retain her passport because she had a separate international trip planned for the same time.
- On March 6, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to Russia and London. Mr. Archer's wife and his oldest child were permitted to join him in London for that leg of his trip.
- On March 23, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to the Philippines. On that occasion Mr. Archer's family did not surrender their passports because, although they did not travel with him, Mr. Archer's wife and children were out of the country on vacation at the same time.
- On May 9, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to London.
- On June 6, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to London.
- On June 13, 2017, Your Honor permitted Mr. Archer to travel on business to the Philippines and China.

In short, Mr. Archer has proven that he is no risk of flight. As we have previously explained, the evidence that Mr. Archer is not a flight risk is not limited to these eleven prior international trips. In the interests of judicial economy, we will not repeat all of those reasons here, and respectfully refer the Court to our prior correspondence on this issue. *See ECF Nos. 41, 62, 78, 83, 84, 98, 111, 122, 148, 162, 166, 179, 182, 185.*

As before, if the Court permits him to travel, Mr. Archer will report daily to his Pretrial Services Officer while he is away. Typically, Mr. Archer also surrenders his wife's and three young children's passports to Pretrial Services while he is away. On this trip, Mr. Archer intends to take one of his children, who is friends with the child of one of Mr. Archer's business partners and in whose home Mr. Archer will be staying. With Your Honor's permission, Mr. Archer will therefore travel with one child and will surrender his wife's and two other children's passports while they are away.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

/s/ Matthew L. Schwartz  
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U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Andrew R. Kessler-Cleary

Application granted. Mr. Archer will report daily to his Pretrial Services Officer while he is away. He may travel with one of his children, but shall surrender the passports of his wife and other children. The attached exhibit shall be filed under seal as it contains private travel information.

SO ORDERED.



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Ronnie Abrams, U.S.D.J.  
July 26, 2017